

# SPEED'S NEWS

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February Meeting: Monday, February 13 - 7:30 P.M. - Sanborn Aviation  
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**CHAPTER NEWS** About 20 members braved harsh, sub-zero temperatures to attend Chapter 54's first meeting of the new year. No new faces this time around, but we would like to welcome our newly elected Chapter Officers as they take the reigns for a new term. This would probably be a good time to extend a hearty THANKS to our outgoing President - Chuck Larsen. A fine job he has done over the preceeding years. Being a chapter officer takes a lot of one's personal time and dedication. Three CHEERS for them all!

**CHAPTER BANQUET** Among other items discussed at this month's meeting was the initial planning of our up-coming Chapter Banquet. You can expect this year's bash to occur on or about February 25th. Probable site - why, the PICADILLY, course. Final details including menu, entertainment and guest speaker will be covered at the February meeting.

**NEW NEWS LETTER EDITOR** Speed's News has a new editor - yours truly - BOB COON. I would like to thank my predecessor - PAT RILEY - for the fine job he has done with Speed's News in the past. His impeccable wit and style have certainly made for interesting reading. KUDOS. Also to ROSEMARY FRANK. Besides her duties as Secretary/Treasurer, ROSEMARY has volunteered to do the typing for the newsletter as I do not have a typewriter. I had one once, but I sold it to pay for flying lessons. SPEED'S NEWS is your publication. We welcome articles, tips, cartoons or any contribution you would like to submit. I will print anything EXCEPT personal appeals for money and certain kinds of ethnic jokes.

**MID-MONTH MEETING** JIM TONE has offered to host the mid-month meeting. The date? Monday, February 20 at 7:30 P.M. His place. (see map). This will be an excellent opportunity to view a VARIEZE project in the works. Despite moving into a new house, losing part of a finger, and presiding over the VARIEZE CLUB, JIM is still progressing on his foam and glass bird. He said he just might have the fuselage together by mid-month time. Bring a friend! Bring TWO friends!

**BOWER FLY-BABY BACK** PAT RILEY assures us that Fly-Baby plans are back on the market, but at a different address. For those who are interested, you can buy plans for this durable little plane by writing PETE BOWERS, 10458 16th Avenue South, Seattle, Wa. 98168. So break out the plywood and glue.



Y - TRADE - SELL - SWAP Not much in this department. I could use some 3/32" CLECOS if any one has any. I am also considering selling my LYC. 0-290 GPU. I have not settled on a price yet, but it will only be what I have into the engine so far. Let me know if you are interested or know someone that might be.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN DEPARTMENT Well, it is the time of the year when UNCLE SAM and His Boys prepare to put the Big Bite on the old pocket book. So while you are at it, dig down a little deeper and come up with \$7.50 for this year's CHAPTER 54 CLUB DUES. Seven-fifty will buy you miles of smiles, a ton of fun, a groovy newsletter and a lot of good old fashion aviation comraderie.

WEIRD BIRD OVERHEAD Much hub-bub at the last meeting over BURT RUTAN'S new "QUICKIE" design featured in January's Sport Aviation. This is a very radical, very small, foam and glass airplane with incredible performance. Try 100 MPH on 20 HP - or so the sedigners claim. This light weight is very clean with pleasing lines. One member commented that the "QUICKIE" looks like a cross between a VARIEZE and a FISHING LURE. "QUICKIE" pilots will have to shun low passes over Northern lakes - MUSKIES you know!

MORE STICK & RUDDER I have just finished reading STICK AND RUDDER. I must admit that there was a heck-of-a-lot of flying principles and techniques that I was not aware of. This book should be required reading for anyone who has ever slipped the surly bonds of earth. You can find this wonderful book in our very own chapter library. Read it - and heed it!

Then here's a little story about a wife that I heard about. A pilot had engine failure and landed on a freeway in a fairly remote area. The pilot jumped out to walk toward the only car in sight to flag them down and ask for help. As he ran toward the now stopped car and got up close, a woman sitting in the seat beside the driver stuck her head out the window and with obvious agitation yelled at him. "Mister", she exclaimed, "if you'll just show us where to go, we'll get out of the way and won't be any trouble to anyone. This clown of a husband of mine is the only driver in the world to start out on a freeway and wind up in the middle of an airport."

Care to guess how many taildragers {airplanes - not aviators} there are in the U.S.? According to FAA figures there are roughly 40,000. Does that surprise you in this day and age when they put the training wheel in the front?

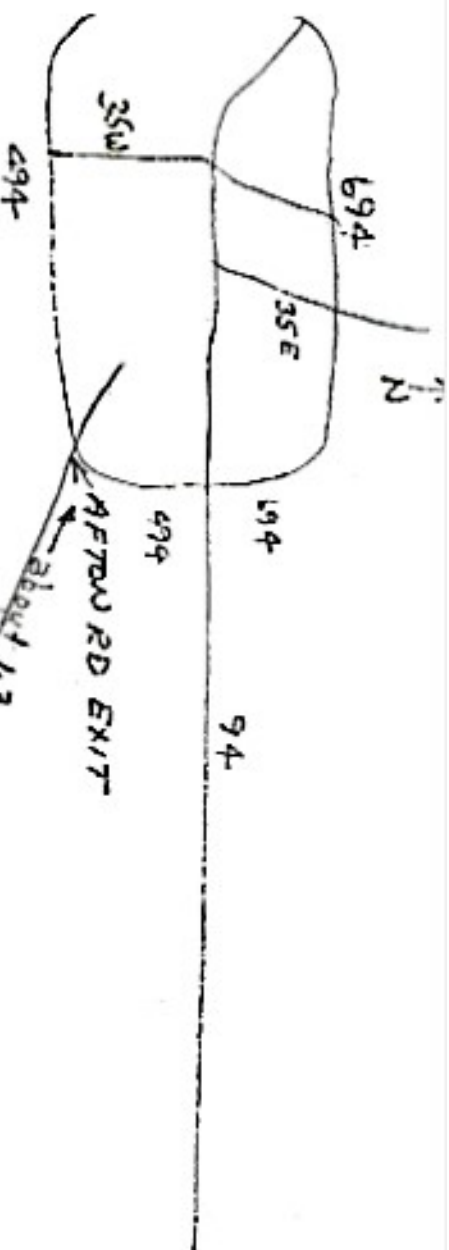
I think it is going to be another cold, cold winter. There are so many birds flying south, they have been given their own flight pattern.

See you at the meeting!

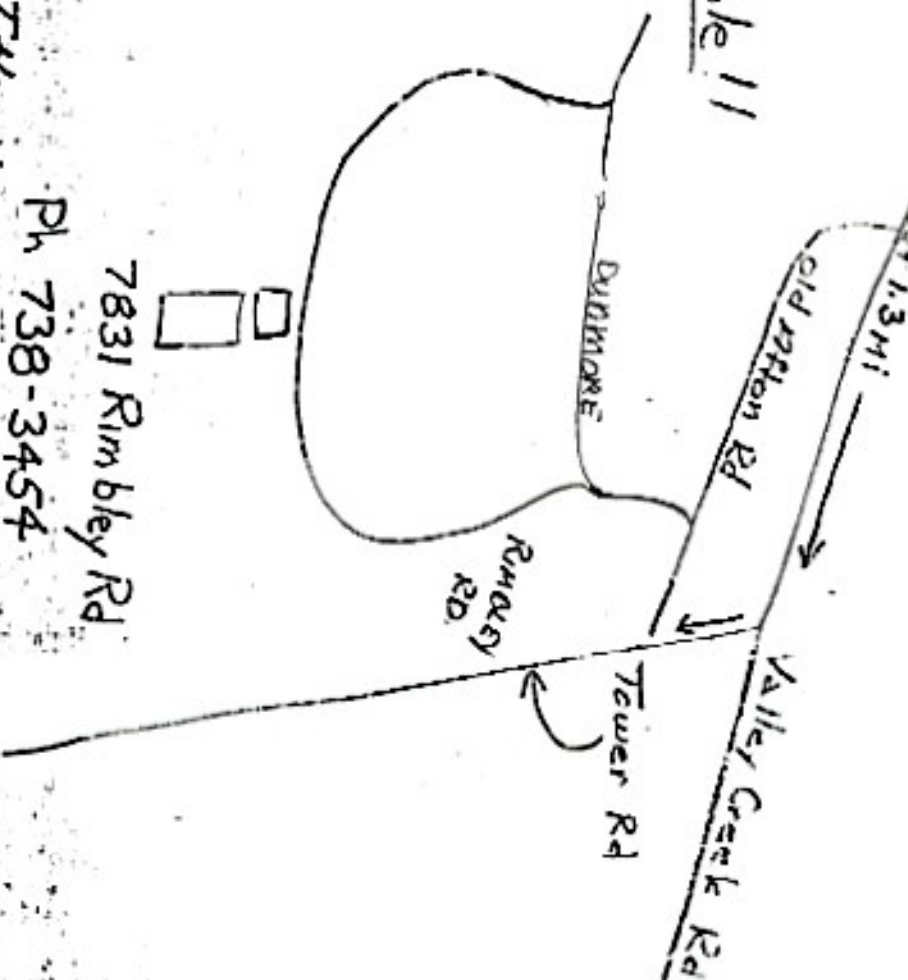
Keep building!

Keep flying!

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Not to Scale !!



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It's the only house on the south side of the street that has a dark brown double garage with an orange door.

Chapters 54 &  
587 Meeting  
at Jim Tome's  
February 20  
at 7:30

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